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BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS  
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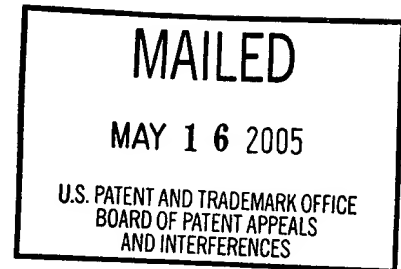
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ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

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This application was electronically received at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on April 8, 2005. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the examiner. The matters requiring attention prior to docketing are identified below.

On March 9, 2005, Appellants filed a Petition to Correct Inventorship under § 1.48(a). There is no indication on the record that this paper was considered.

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the instant application be electronically returned to the examiner for such action as may be appropriate.

It is important that the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences be informed promptly of any action affecting the appeal (i.e., abandonment, issue, reopening prosecution).

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